

To: All Parents/Guardians of Runion Bay Middle School Students
From: Ms. Danora Periwinkle, Principal
Date: October 26, 2006

Dear Parents:

At the end of the day on October 26, 2006, I was informed of a possible mercury spill that happened earlier that day in Room 203 at Runion Bay Middle School.

I immediately got in touch with the Michigan Department of Community Health to discuss the health effects for our staff, students, or any others that may have been in the room at the time or that may have gotten mercury on their clothes, shoes or other personal items. At that time, I was told to talk to the staff member in the room where the possible spill took place, to lock the room, and to contact our insurance company. I also contacted the local Shoreline County Health Department and a professional mercury contractor in case cleanup is necessary.

Since that time, I have talked to the staff member and found that mercury was spilled in the room. None of the students touched the mercury. About half of what was spilled was returned to the bottle by the staff member.

The classroom will be tested today, October 26, 2006, to see if any mercury is still in the room. If it is necessary, the room will be thoroughly cleaned by professional mercury contractors.

We will hold a meeting tomorrow, October 27, 2006, to answer your questions and keep you informed. This meeting will take place in the school cafeteria between 2P.M. and 4:00 P.M. A health department representative will be on hand to help us answer your questions. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like more information, please contact our office at (906) 332-9978 or the Michigan Department of Community Health at (800) 648-6942.

I will send another letter to you with more information as soon as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Danora Periwinkle, Principal
Runion Bay Middle School